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A copy of each non-U.S. patent document and each non-patent document is being submitted to comply with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.97 and §1.98.

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# TIMING OF THE DISCLOSURE

The listed documents are being submitted in compliance with 37 C.F.R. §1.97(c), before the mailing date of either a final action under 37 C.F.R. §1.113, a notice of allowance under 37 C.F.R. §1.311, or an action that otherwise closes prosecution in the application.

## RELEVANCE OF EACH DOCUMENT

The listed documents were cited as being relevant during the prosecution of the corresponding European Patent Application No. 04 804 051.3. A copy of the report setting forth the portion of each reference considered relevant by the examiner is attached.

Applicants respectfully request that each listed document be considered by the Examiner and be made of record in the present application and that an initialed copy of Form PTO/SB/08 be returned in accordance with M.P.E.P. §609.

### STATEMENT

The undersigned hereby states in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.97(e)(1) that each item of information contained in this information disclosure statement was first cited in any communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three (3) months prior to filing of this Statement.

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Respectfully submitted,

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